



# TIPPEGAN NEWS



## Draft Historic Preservation Plan Introduced

The City of Tipp City is holding an open public meeting on Monday, February 5th, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in order to introduce and discuss the Tipp City Historic Preservation Plan. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall of the Zion Lutheran Church in downtown Tipp City.

The Historic Preservation Plan (Plan) is intended to provide the Community, City Council and the Restoration Board with specific preservation goals and objectives. The Plan will also provide strategies to implement the recommendations included in the Plan. The Plan will help to foster public knowledge and appreciation of Tipp City's historic past and promote the City's architectural and cultural history. Benjamin D. Rickey & Co. of Columbus will facilitate the meeting which will provide an overview of the Plan and an opportunity for questions and comments. Light refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact City Planner Matthew Spring directly at 667-6305, or at [springm@tippcity.net](mailto:springm@tippcity.net).



## Water Plant Phases in Start-Up

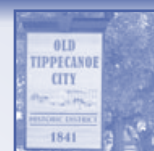
As of the writing of this newsletter, start-up of the initial treatment phase of the new joint water treatment plant with Vandalia has begun. The Northern Area Water Authority (NAWA) treatment facility, located on S. First St. across from the Kyle Park entrance, has a design capacity to treat up to 7 million gallons per day.

The plant has two main treatment processes: iron and manganese removal, and then softening. The iron and manganese removal filtration process began earlier this month and that water has been pumped into the Tipp City distribution system. The second treatment phase, which utilizes a membrane nano-filtration approach to soften the water, is expected to go on line about the time this newsletter is distributed.

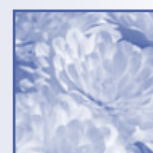
Since the plant is offering softened water, many residents have inquired about the need to maintain a softener. The issue of how "soft" is soft enough is primarily a matter of personal taste. The plant will treat to a level of hardness of about 140 mg./l or alternatively 8.2 grains per gallon, which represents a reduction of about two-thirds of the "hardness" level of the City's water. Residents who wish to have zero hardness in their water will need to continue to use their softeners, although a significant reduction in salt usage will be achieved.

The completion of this \$24 million project marks the end of more than a decade-long effort to evaluate, plan, design, and construct a joint water treatment facility with our neighbors in Vandalia to meet both communities' needs well into the future. City officials for both communities will celebrate this achievement during a dedication event on Sunday, January 28. Residents who have questions about the facility or the quality of the water produced by it, should contact the Utilities Department at 667-6305.

## Travel and Tourism Site



The marketing and promotion of the community is one of the main goals of the Downtown Partnership.



To that end, the Partnership has established a new web site at [www.visittippcity.org](http://www.visittippcity.org) where community and downtown places and events are highlighted.



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## 2007 Aquatic Center Season

Though its still winter time, its not too late to start planning for the warmer weather of late spring and summer. **Purchasing a season pass to the Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center can save you money if done before April 1 when early bird rates expire.** There will be no increase in season pass rates this year. Pre-season passes are on sale now in the City Manager's Office, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed 11:30 to 12:30). Passes may also be purchased on-line at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov). Also, if you have a summer birthday or office outing to plan for, consider hosting your event at the Aquatic Center. For more information, call 667-8425. ♣



accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

This Certificate was issued to City Finance Director Richard Drennen for the 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including a demonstrated “spirit of full disclosure” in clearly communicating the City’s financial story. Ohio political subdivisions earning this award is the exception, not the rule and reflects the City’s commitment to excellence in its financial affairs. ♣



## Code of Ordinances Now On-Line

Accessing the laws and ordinances of the City is now easier than ever. With the recent update and recodification of the City’s Code of Ordinances (e.g. “City Code”), the public may now access the Code via the internet.

Working with American Legal Publishing, the new on-line version of City Code allows people to perform text searches when looking for a particular subject area. The fully indexed code is an easy-to-read columnar format where citizens can find anything from barking dog laws to zoning requirements. To access the site, simply log on to the City’s website at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov) and click on the tab “Code of Ordinances On-Line” at the top of the front page. ♣



## City Recognized for Financial Reporting

The City has been recognized for the fifth straight year by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for excellence in its financial reporting. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental

## Water Rate Increase

As part of the on-going adjustment to water rates to pay for the increased costs of purchasing treated water from the new NAWA water treatment facility, rates for water usage in 2007 will be going up an average of 23%. Based upon the typical residential account, using 7,000 gallons of water per month, the cost will increase about \$4.80 per month. According to a survey of 65 southwest Ohio municipal utilities, **the City of Tipp City had the third lowest combined water & sewer rates in 2006.** Two smaller increases are scheduled to be phased in in 2008 and 2009. ♣



## Important City Contacts

**Automated Attendant/  
Direct Connect** 669-TIPP

**Police, Fire and EMS  
(EMERGENCY)** 9-1-1

**Miami County Communications  
Center (Non-Emergency)**  
440-9911

**Police (Non-Emergency)**  
667-3112

**Fire and EMS  
(Non-Emergency)**  
667-9199 or 667-1680

**Utility Billing** 667-8424

**Planning/Zoning** 667-6305

**Engineering and Utilities**  
667-6305

**Service Center  
(Parks and Streets)** 667-8234

**City Manager's Office** 667-8425

**Clerk of Council** 506-3173